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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 19, 2001

APPLICATION OF

ALLEGHENY COMMUNICATIONS CONNECT
OF VIRGINIA, INC.

CASE NO. PUC010053

For a certificate of public
convenience and necessity to
provide interexchange
telecommunications services

ORDER FOR NOTICE

On March 7, 2001, Allegheny Communications Connect of Virginia, Inc. ("Allegheny" or "Applicant"), filed an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("certificate") with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to provide interexchange telecommunications services throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. The Applicant also requested authority to price its interexchange telecommunications services on a competitive basis pursuant to § 56-481.1 of the Code of Virginia.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of the application, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Allegheny's application should be docketed; that the Applicant should give notice to the public of its application; that interested persons should have an opportunity to comment and request a hearing on Allegheny's application; that the Commission Staff should be permitted to

file a Staff Report, if necessary; and if substantive objections are received, a public hearing should be convened to receive evidence relevant to Allegheny's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This case is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010053.

(2) On or before May 3, 2001, the Applicant shall complete publication of the following notice to be published on one (1) occasion as classified advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout the Applicant's proposed service territory:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION BY
ALLEGHENY COMMUNICATIONS CONNECT OF
VIRGINIA, INC. FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO PROVIDE
INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
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Copies of the application are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through

Friday, in the Commission's Document Control Center located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, or can be ordered from Kathy L. Mitchell, Senior Attorney, Allegheny Energy, Inc., 10435 Downsview Pike, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740-1766.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on Allegheny's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before May 17, 2001, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Also, on or before May 17, 2001, any person desiring to lodge an objection to or request a hearing on Allegheny's application shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection or request for hearing with the Clerk of the Commission at the address set out below. Requests for hearing must state with specificity why a hearing is necessary. If no substantive objections are received, the Commission may grant the certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services without a hearing.

All written communications to the Commission concerning Allegheny's application should be directed to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and must refer to Case No. PUC010053.

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(3) On or before May 3, 2001, Applicant shall provide a copy of the notice contained in ordering paragraph (2) to each local exchange telephone carrier certificated in Virginia and each interexchange carrier certificated in Virginia by personal

delivery or first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the customary place of business or residence of the person served. Lists of all current local exchange and interexchange carriers in Virginia are attached to this Order as Appendices A and B, respectively.

(4) On or before May 17, 2001, any person wishing to lodge an objection to Allegheny's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services shall file an original and fifteen (15) copies of its objection in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Written objections shall refer to Case No. PUC010053 and shall state with specificity why a hearing is necessary.

(5) Any person desiring to comment in writing on Allegheny's application for a certificate to provide interexchange telecommunications services may do so by directing such comments on or before May 17, 2001, to the Clerk of the Commission at the address set forth above. Written comments must refer to Case No. PUC010053.

(6) The Commission Staff shall be permitted to file a Staff Report, if necessary, on or before June 21, 2001.

(7) On or before June 28, 2001, Allegheny shall file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies

of all testimony it expects to introduce in rebuttal to the Staff Report, if such report is filed.

(8) On or before May 31, 2001, Allegheny shall file with the Clerk of the Commission proof of notice and service required by ordering paragraphs (2) and (3) herein.

(9) The Applicant shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within seven (7) days after the receipt of the same. Protestants shall provide to the Applicant, other Protestants, and Staff any workpapers or documents used in preparation of their prefiled testimony, promptly upon request. Except as so modified, discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the Rules.